



By the King.

A Proclamation for preuention and restraint of
the abuses and inconueniences, occasioned by
dying with Logwood.



Hereas many good Lawes and Statutes haue beeene heretofore made and established, prohibiting the Importation of a certaine false and deceitfull dying stiffe or wood, called Logwood or Blockewood, which said Statutes did not produce that good effect that thereby was intended (the seizing and taking of the sayd wood being wholly neglected) for that no satisfaction or recompence, was by the Law offered or allowed to such as employ their paines and endeauour in the discouery and seizure thereof, Whereupon wee for further preuention of the sayde deceipts, haue made severall Restraints by Our Letters Pattents, Bookes of Rates, and otherwise, thereby to hinder the importation and abuse of the saide wood; By which meanes, albeit great quantties of the said wood haue beeene seized and burnt, yet the saide wood is still priuily imported and disposed of, within this Our Kingdome, to the hurt and prejudice of Our Subiects: wee, having taken these things into Our consideration, and out of Our Princely care, desiring to pursue Our former purpose in preuenting whatsoeuer might be hurtfull to Our Subiects, and on the contrary to giue them relife in things blesfull and necessary; And being informed that the Importation and vse theroffor diners sortes of course Stiffes, Linnen of all sortes, Caddoes, Ribband, Inckle, Tape, Cappes, Glones, Hattes, Leather for poynts, Brushes, couers for Bookes, Saddles, Stoolees and Chaires, and Threed of diners sortes, with many other Haberdashery Wares, that cannot conveniently bee dyed or coloured without Logwood or Blockewood, by reason of the cheapenesse, and the glosse it gives to such meane commodities, farre better then any other Stiffe can doe, is most necessary and not prejudiciale to any of Our Subiects; haue thought meete to Licence the importation of some competent quanttie of the said wood, to be employed and vsed onely about such needfull vses as aforesaid; And withall to adde some further prouision for restraint of the immoderate importation of the saide wood, tending to the abuse and deceipt of Our people: And therefore haue by Our Letters Pattents vnder Our great Seale of England, given Licence to Our welbeloued Seruant and Subiect Sir Thomas Compton Knight, and his Assignes, as well to import into this Kingdome yearely the quanttie of fiftie Tonnes of Logwood, and no more, as to take into his or their hands the moytie of all Logwood imported by others, and seized as forfeited, the other part thereof being first burnt; Neuerthelesse vnder these cautions and prouisions following, viz. That there shall not be vttered or sold by him or his Assignes, abone the foresaid yearely quantity of fifty Tonnes of Logwood or blockewood, and to none other vse or vses, then the good and necessary vses before mentioned; And that he or they shall not directly or indirectly import any greater quanttie then fiftie Tonnes yearely; And that the same, with all such Logwood as shall be seized and come to his or their hands, shall be registered in the Custome-house in London, in Our Register there kept for forfeitures, with the name of the Master of the Shippe, and owner of the Wood,

to the ende that it may be knowen who shall presume to import the same contrary to Our pleasure; And that as well the wood by him the sayd Sir Thomas Compton, his Executors or Assigines, to be imported, as otherwise to come to his or their hands vpon seizure, which shall be solde or vented within this Realme, shall bee ground and solde in an appointed place in the Citie of London, and not elsewhere; And that vpon such sale, the names and place of abode of all such as shall buy Logwood, shall be taken and registered, and for what vse they buy the same; And that so much of the said Logwood as shall come vnto the hands of the said Sir Thomas Compton or his Assigines, by importation or otherwise, as shall exceede the quantitie of fiftie Tonnes in any one yeere, shall be by him or them shipp'd soorth of this Kingdome, Within three moneths after the same shall come to his or their hands or possession: And likewise that the said Sir Thomas Compton or his Assigines, shall at all times, beeing thereunto required, giue notice to whom the same Logwood is solde, that enquirie may be made, whether the buyer thereof doe vse the same contrary to the orders prescribed.

And the better to encourage such as will employ their endeavour in and about the discouery and seizure of the said Wood, to the end the abuse thereof in dying Cloth and woollen commodities may be taken away, and the good vse thereof onely maintained and cherished, It is likewise provided in the said Letters Patents, that the said Sir Thomas Compton, his Executors and Assigines, shall pay to all such as shall seize any Logwood, the summe of sixe pounds per Tonne, and so by the hundredth accordingly, So that he that makes the seizure, doe first deliuer the one halfe of such Wood to the Mayor, Bayliffe, or Justice of Peace where it shall be seized, to be burnt, and then bring the other halfe to the Patenttee, or his Assigines, with certificate from some of the said Officers that the one halfe is burnt, As by Our said Letters Patents more at large appeareth: wee, to the ende all Our louing Subjects may take notice of Our gracious purpose and intention, whereby the same may take better effect for the generall good of this Our kingdome, Doe by this Our Proclamation publish and giue notice to all men, Whom the premises shall in any wise concerne, That Our expresse will and pleasure is, that all and every the Cautions, Provisions, Restraints, and other the premisses aboue-mentioned, be carefully and diligently performed and obserued.

And therefore we doe hereby charge and command all Mayors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Justices of Peace, Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, Surveyors, Waiters, Constables, Headboroughes, and all other Our Officers and Ministers, not onely to be carefull and diligent in the discouering and punishing of all and singular offences and offenders in this behalfe, but also to be from time to time ayding and assisting vnto the said Sir Thomas Compton, his Executors, Administrators and Assigines, and to his and their Deputie and Deputies, and to all other persons which shall finde and seize any of the said Logwood or Blockwood, imported, vsed, or employed contrary to this Our will and Command.

Giuen at Our Palace of White-hall the nine and twentieth day of March, in the seuenteenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God sauе the King.

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